THE NEW MUNICAPAL REGIME.

Proceedings of the Boards of Aldermen and Council.

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION, he. &c.,

The Work of Reform Commenced in Earnest-Mayor Wood, the Police and Heads of Departments, and the Flithy Streets. Our new Mayor has commenced his efficial career by therough inspection and reform of the various departments under his immediate supervision and control. He is determined to correct the abuses which have exsted so long in the Police Department, and for this purpose he has introduced a new regulation, which, if carwied into effect in every case, must be attended with the most beneficial results. A book has been opened at his who have contracted for the cleaning of the stre

ee, in which complaints against the police and other als connected with the city government, for neglect This is a reform that has been much needed; and as it is ot confined to the police alone, it has caused quite an excitement among the officeholders generally. The parwill be particularly affected by it, as the Mayor has expressed his intention not to sign any of their bills on proof of their failure to fulfil the obligations of their contract to the very letter. But this is not all: The Comptroller, who has hitherto paid them on his own responsibility, and even when he was acquainted with their negligence in this respect, will be revented from doing so in future, as the Mayor's sig-ature must be endorsed on all the bills before they can be paid. Our readers are at present fully able to realize the importance of the course pursued by Mr. Wood in this instance, from the state of the streets, which were never in a worse condition than they are now. Even the sidewalks are covered with a thick, slimy, slippery mud, which is as bad, if not worse, to upon than ice. Broadway, which is usually the leanest thoroughfare in the city, can hardly be crossed with safety, while the bye streets are absolutely recking with filth. For all this we are indebted to Mr. Flagg. while refusing to pay the salaries of many of the fficials about the City Hall, actually endorsed the claims that they were imposing upon the city in presenting bills for work which was never performed. With the view of correcting this, as well as ther abuses, Mr. Wood has addressed a communication to the Comptroller, calling upon that official to furnish im with copies of specifications and abstracts of such

thority he has assumed. A similar communication has been addressed to the seads of the other departments; so that we may look out for a complete exposition of the manuer in which their business has been conducted. In addition to these, he has issued the following instructions to the several police captains:—

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, Jan. 1, 1865.

"through the Chief of Police."

contracts as are now on file in his department, which are ommenced, with such information in relation thereto

as may enable him to comprehend the obligation of the

city and of the contractor, in every instance. This is a move in the right direction, and, if followed up with

energy, will put a salutary check on the arbitrary au-

Mayon's Office, New York, Jan. I, 1855.

Sm-I enclose to you, through the Chief of Police, certain instructions to the men under your command, to which I ask your attention. You will see that every requirement is compiled with, and that the results be reported every day to the Chief, at his office, in your usual morning returns. I will also take this occasion to ask of you the most rigid adherence to the rules and regulations governing the department, and to express the hope that discipline will be observed without relaxation in your district. Discipline can only be maintained by a regard to the smallest requirements of the service; it requires the compliance with every order, however trivial or apparently unimportant; it recognises no right in a subordinate to judge the practicability or propriety of any direction issued by a superior officer. You must be responsible for every dereliction of duty by the force under your command, for it rarely occurs that an efficient and faithful captain does not make efficient and faithful captain does not make efficient and ratificities be entirely excluded from discussion; that loud talking and quarrelling be prevented, and that order, decorum and attention to public duties be strictly required. Very respectfully.

FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor.

To Capt. —, of — District.

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To each member of the Police Department the following letter of instructions has also been cent:—

MAYON'S OFFICE, NINW YORK, Jan. 1, 1855.

Sir.—I have this day assumed the office of head of the Police Department of this city, and shall expert and require adherence to its rules and reculations. In your hands is placed the care of the property and lives, as well as the order, peace and outward moral deportment, of the whole community.

Though you cannot extirpate vice, you can do much to suppress it. Vigilance and an howest discharge of your duties will not only enable the people to pay more for your pretection by reducing the cape me which crims produces, but add to the respectability of your positions and to the security of its continuance. There is now

and to the security of its convinces. There is now dissatisfaction in the public mind with the apparent inefficiency of the police. There should be no cause for it. Let there be nene. Your duties are light, the pay not illiberal, your social standing good, and the term for which appointed renders you independent of the contingencies to which the operative and other laboring classes are subjected. You held positions of trust and honor to which the pride and ambition of any man need not be ashamed to aspire.

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It is made my duty to see the laws faithfully executed; you are to be my aids in effecting this. I cannot look over the whole city to see that all is right; but you can for me. I rely upon you. You are to be the eyes through which the thatro of my duties is to be observed, and the measurgers to convey to me through your officers faithful and truthful reports.

In addition to the rules and regulations now in force in the department, and the several directions therein, you are requested to take note of and comply with the following.

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It is hereby made your duty to report every day when on duty, to your commanding officer, the following information; and an emission to do so, and to conform to every requirement of this circular, will be deemed disobedience, and ponished as such.

To report every street uncleaned upon your patrol. Every unlicensed public house for the sale of liquor. Every public house kept open on the Sabbath. Every gambling house.

Every gambling house.

Every street not lit at the proper hour.

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Every street or sidewalk encumbered, and the party or parties offending.

Every excavation made under the sidewalks or streets, by builders or others.

Every supposed derelication by any officer of the corporation.

poration.

Every violation of the city ordinances.

You are further directed to disperse all gatherings of men or boys at the corners of the streets or other public places on the Sabbath day, where disorder is produced.

To enforce the closing of public houses on the Sabbath

day.

To protect the stranger or emigrant from extortion or

imposition.
To remove from the streets all beggars, and direct
them to the several public and private institutions created for their relief.
To see that the ordinances for the removal of snow
and ice from the sidewalks and gutters be promptly com-

You are further directed to arrest for creating riot or

Freaches of the peace.
For being intoxicated or disorderly in the streets.
For injuring public or private property.
For stopping the free passage of the cross-walks by cartmen, coachmen, or others.
For throwing offal, garbage, vegetables, and rubbish, n the streets.

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For offences of any kind against the laws.

Your faithful compliance with these directions is requested. Let no consideration induce you to omit one of

Them.
You have now a determined chief officer, who will not be indifferent to a single descliction of duty upon the part of those for whose conduct he is responsible to the community. Very respectfully,

FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor.

The following report, made by Captain Speight, of the Twenty-first police district, shows that the orders of the Mayor have already been carried into effect :-

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Captain Speight, of the Twenty-first district, says:

The stricts in this district are not cleaned according to
the contract Thirty-second street, between First and
Second avenues, is in a most filthy condition. The contractor says he is not bound to clean that street, because
it is not paved. There are other streets which are very
dirty; but this has not been cleaned in one year, to my
certain knowledge. The ash carts are never seen, and
the people don't know what to do with the ashes.

Captain Ackerman, of the Ninth district, makes a
similar complaint.

The Mayor has also caused the following notice to be
subblished in all the morning papers, so, that the cub-

published in all the morning papers, so that the publimay be fully informed of what he is doing, and woat

There is opened, at this office, a complaint book, under the charge of a competent person, for the purpose of pecelying and entering all complaints of matters coming

within the jurisdiction of the municipal authorities. The Mayor will extertain and so far as the laws give him Jower, take coming acc of changes preferred by responding parks for windamon of ordinances and decellition of duty apon the part of any person helding office under the city government. By or log of the Mayor.

WM. H. STEPHENS, First Marshal.

Only two complaints have, as yet, been made, and these have been registered as follows, upon the book. which is always open at the Mayor's office for the in tpection of the public:-

where the public — Mr. David B. Fike complains that Francis Kraft, a police officer of the Fourth district, was guilty of conduct unbecoming a policeman, and that he also imprisoned him falsely.

Councilman Jackson, of the Eighth Council district, complains that the Street Contractor of the Fifth ward has neglected to remove ashes from Reade street, which have been lying there for the last two weeks.

Every citizen should, in compliance with the request of the Mayor, report all cases of neglect that may come under his notice; and those who are unable to call at the office of the Mayor to make the comptaint in person, should address him a note specifying the particulars and giving their names and places of residence. In this way they will be enabled to render him valuable assist-ance in carrying out the herculean work which he has

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Jan. 3.—The new board held the first meeting since their organization on the first of January. Isaac O. Barker, Esq., President, in the chair. The minutes of the organization of the Board were read and approved. MUSTINGS OF THE BOARD.

Alderman Vocasus moved that the regular meetings of the Board be Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, until the business be disposed of.

EXPENSES OF ADVERTISING IN CERTAIN PAPERS. the Comptroller to report to this Board, at its next meeting, a statement of all the money paid to the proprietors of the Evening Post for advertising and for publishing the official proceedings of the Common Council, including the amount paid for advertising the official notices of the Board of Assessors, the Commissioners of award the Board of Assessors, the Commissioners of award and assessment on opening streets, the Commissioners of the sinking fund, and for every other description of advertising connected with the business of the city and county during the year 1854. Also a similar statement in relation to the money paid for similar service to the proprietors of the Express, Commercial Advertiser, National Democrat, Staats Zeitung, and New Yorker Demokrat. Also, whether the amount collected of property-owners on the line of improvements, during the past year, has been sufficient to pay for the advertising connected with the same. Adopted. NOSHIATIONS BY THE MAYOR.

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NOMINATIONS BY THE MAYOR.

A communication was received from the Mayor, making the following nominations:—

For President of the Croton Aqueduct Board—Mr. Myndert Van Schaick.

For the office of City Chamberlain—Mr. Francis W. Edmends. For the office of Resident Physician-Mr. Wm. Rock-

For the office of Health Commissioner-Mr. Jedediah enth Judicial Bistriet—Mr. Wilson Small.

For the offices of Clerks of the new Police Courts, created by the act passed March 21, 1854—Mr. John Vanderpoel and Mr. James McLeod.

For the office of Clerk of Police, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. W. G. Davison—Mr. Alfred Chancellor.

Alfred Chancellor.

The above appointments were affirmed scriatim, without any opposition, with the exception of the nominations to the clerkships of police and civil courts, which were laid on the table.

THE WORKINGHEN'S PETITION FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF

\$5.00,000.

The following was offered by Alderman Hoppmare:—
Resolved, That the committee of unemployed working
men which assembled in the Park and at Hope Chape
during the last week of December, 1854, who are now in
attrendance upon this Board, waiting for an opportunit
to present a memorial in behalf of the objects of those to be heard in behalf of its peak.

Several members were opposed to permitting the committee to be heard, as it would be a bad precedent.

Alderman Ety was against hearing them speak; but was in favor of the petition being read.

Alderman Vocums said he was the friend of the workingman; but he was opposed to the violation of the orders of the Board.

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The following petition was then read:

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Mr. Prinstruct—At a meeting held in the Park on the 26th of December, and adjourned to Hope Chepel on the evening of the 29th ult, a committee was appointed to draft a petition to your honorable body, embracing the spirit of a series of resolutions unanimously adopted on that occasion. I have the honor to present this petition to your honorable body, and in accordance with your kind permission, will proceed to preface it with a few illustrative remarks. In view of an intelligent direction of the sentiment pervading the minds of citizens, in reference to the unhappy and destitute position in which a large body of the inhabitants of New York—accustomed producers of wealth—now present themselves before your honorable body as dependant consumers, I begleave to say.—That for several years past the inducement of a high rate of wages and resultant profits habeen held out to the producers of labor generally, and especially to intelligent mechanics and employees from the country, by capitalists of New York; to induce them to emigrate to this city from their rural homes, where, for the present and a homestead for old age. "The poor, you have always with you;" but the case of the suffering producing classes, at present in New York, is an alogous only to the accidental misery which arises from shipwred to restreying fires; and it springs from no want of prudence or foresight exemplified in them. That every inducement which promoted the large emigration to New York, of labor and skill from the country, has been found to be fallacious, inasmuci as the high scale of wages were more than neutralised in comparison with advantages of the country, by exobitant rents of apartments and extortionate prices of retail provisions. These unexpected and vaccillating traxations upon the vital means of laboring mechanics, and other employees, rendered it impossible for those with large families, or such as sickness or o rendered it impossible for those with large tamites, or lay by means for re-establishing themselves in the country, or even advantageously leaving the city, up to the time when a sudden collapse of speculative capital has left them unemployed at the commencement of a hardwinter, without a dollar of reserve, or an osteosible claim for credit, and at the mercy of their landlords. That your petitioners have strong arms, willing hands and bearta, ready to do their whole duty in developing the wealth of their country, or spelling an enemy who may assail our shores. That they have not been remiss in seeking employment in every lawful and hour rable avocation. That they have not been remiss in seeking employment in every lawful and hour rable avocation. That they have not seen in the habit of "carousing away their wages," or "spending the same in gew-gaws," or "loading about the corners of the streets" or in "loading about the corners of the streets" or in "grog shops," as has been infinated. That your petitioners have considered various theories which have been awanced for bettering their condition, and have also weighed intelligently and candidly the coad name platform of the New York Daily Fimes, as presented in that point of the 26th alt. The editor, in "plana words to the mechanics," concludes with the following compranious advice: "Try and weather out the winter—sure, there is one who will, if best for us, give us our dally bread;" and as their daily bread did not come, they cogitated upon every imaginable exigency wherein it would not be best for them to have their daily bread, and they could only learn of one analogous, though not well authenticated case, in which it was stated that the monks of St. Bernard, in the higher Alps. had recently resuscitated a man who had been soledly frozen in an avalanche for a series of vers. During that period, doubtless, it would not have been "beet!" for the frozen individual to have received his "daily bread;" but as we have no monks of St. Bernard in New York, and they only

To the Mayor and Comon Council or the City or New York.—
The memorial of the undersigned respectfully shows: That at a meeting of more than two thousand unemployed laborers and mechanics of the city of New York, commonced in the Park on Tuesday afternoon of the 16th day of Becember, and adjourned from thence to Hope Chapel, in Broadway, on the evening of Friday, the 29th day of Becember, for the purpose of providing not merely temporary, but permanent re lef to the unemployed poor of the city, who are now, in addition to their inability to obtain work, threatened with famine, your memorialists were appointed a committee, in behalf of the meeting, to draw up and cause to be presented to you, for your immediate action, this memorial:

Your memorialists do, therefore, in pursanace of their duty, and according to their instructions, earnestly request that you will immediately ordain that the public lands and lots belonging to the city shall be forthwith improved, by the erection of buildings thereupon, for file use and occupancy of the tenantry of New York, at

THE LATE MURDER IN TRINITY PLACE.

Inquest upon the Body of Eliza Hamn Alleged to have been Killed by her Husband. Before Coroner O'Donnell.

Yesterday, Coroner O'Donnell proceeded to the First ward station house, in Trinity place, within a few doors of which the woman Eliza Hammond was murdered by her husband, on New Year's night, for the purpose of holding an inquest upon the body of the deceased. The body of the deceased, lying at the house of the prisoner, No. 32 Trinity place, was viewed by the jury. The neighborhood of the shocking occurrence was crowded with a large concourse of people from an early hour in the morning until the proceedings of the inquest had been closed. The following testimony was taken on the

neighborhood of the shocking occurrence was crowded with a large concourse of people from an early hour in the morning until the proceedings of the inquest had been closed. The following testimony was taken on the Notice. The following testimony was taken on the Read of the prisoner and his wife have been his teannts for nearly ten years; the first i knew of the affair was New Year's day; I sent my little boy into the room of the prisoner to tell him to come into my house, as I wanted to see him; it was about half past five o'clock, my object in sending for the prisoner was to tell him to leave my house, on account of the noise and his keeping another woman; he always paid his rent like any other man; this woman he kept lived up town; when she called to see him there was a continual disturbance between the two women, so that my other tenants complained, and I was about to order them out; I had sent for him before this, about ten or fifteen days ago; he called upon me and I told him I wanted him to quit my premises—that on account of this woman he must leave; they called her Sarah; he promised he would keep her away for the future; she still continued to visit him, however, and when the boy returned he told me Mrs. Hammond was dead; I finmediately want down; to the room; I did not stop to put on my slippers I was shocked when I got into the room; I found beth his arms around her; his left arm was under her body; she was lying on her back at the time; I approached the bed and felt of her pulse; found she was dead; I then sent word by my boy to the police station hones for an officer; I saw blood on her perstan and on the floor; there was some blood upon the looking glass; the floor looked as if it had been arth ywashed. I was so confused that i did not try to rouse the prisoner, as I did not know but he was dead.

At the coachusion of this witness's examination, the Coroner requested the jury to visit the room that they might it now how it appeared. Upon their return,

Ellen MeCarthy, being duly sworn, deposed th

censed was dead, but she and she was only sleeping, and told me not to go into the room. I said she could not be asleep, as there was a candle lighted in the room; I then went in the room and found them motionless, as before stated.

Thomas Maione being duly sworn deposed, that he lived at 28 Trinty place; that he went to the house of the prisoner about 55, o'eleck and found him beating his wife; I saked him if he meant to kill his wife, and he said he wished he had done the good job long ago; he raid it was a drunken scrape, and then helped to take the deceased from the floor and puther on the bed; the prisoner then got into bed and I went out for a policeman; I went down towards Greenwich street, and when I got back these I found Mrs. McCarthy there with two pelicemes; he well out of Mrs. McCarthy there with two pelicemes; he well out of Mrs. McCarthy there with two pelicemes; he well out of the most of the most of the wife, who we store cannot his room in search of his wrie, who we store cannot his room in search of his wrie, who we store cannot his room in search of his wrie, who we store cannot his room in search of his wrie, who we then at and thins; he demanded the money that he had spent it he got sight dollars also that mount he got from his wrie was eight dollars also the mount he got from his wrie was eight dollars also the mount he got from his wrie are well as the face, she did not fall from the blow, the deceased sent out for a quart of beer; witness went out for the liquor, and he, deceased net prisoner a open behind to get another drink at a grocery store below his home; when witness went into the room with the deceased, then we would be such as a such

prisoner and I worked at the store No. 5 Stone street; he was in the habit of keeping the store door key, and I teck it from his house on New Year's night, so as to open the store in the morning; the police had the pris-oner in charge when I took the key from his house.

Dr. David Uhl, residing at No. 5 Bond street, who had made a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased, testified that he found two contused wounds on the back of the head, penetrating to the bone—one four inches to the left of the right ear, and the other two and a half inches to the left of the left ear, each wound being two and a half inches in length; the right ear was nearly torn off, and there was an irregular lacerated wound four inches in circumference on the right temple, exposing the bone; also, a contused wound on the forehead, one inch along the right eye and one inch in length; the left ear was badly lacerated and there was a contused wound on the fort temple, penetrating to the bone, one inch in length; also, a contused wound on the right sice of the chin, one and a half inches in length; there were two punctured wounds in the left groin, one two inches in depth; the other a quarter of an inch in depth; the face and chest and limbs were covered with severe brnices, the lungs were collapsed and samewhat affected with tubercles; the heart was empty but healthy, the other viscers of the body were in a healthy condition; the brain was healthy and there was no fracture of the cranium; the injuries above described were the cause of her death.

Christopher Wettje, M. D., residing at No. 12 Greenwich street, had also made a post mortem examination, and testified to substantially the same state of facts.

FESTIMONY OF JAMES LANE.

James Lane, of 28 Trinity place, being aworn, deposed that he kept a liquor store at the above place; on New Year's day, about three or four o'clock, Hammond came into his store and took a drink and went out again; the riscoer was not drunk, but was partially undeat the influence of liquor; he did not see the deceased on that

I anew nothing about the death of Mrs. Hammond until Malone came to her on the night of the occurrence, while she was staying at Mrs. Lynch's, and told her that Mrs. Hammond was dead, and had been killed by her hus-band; Hammond was pretty drunk before he ate his breakfast on New Year's day; he was very drunk the night previous, and had not got sober the next morning; the deceased was under the influence of liquor when wit-ness left their rooms, at 12 o'clock A. M. on the day of the murder.

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TESTIMONY OF OFFICER DWYER.

Officer Edward Dwyer, being duly sworn, deposed that on the afterneon of NewFyear's day, about five minutes before 7 o'clock, he was standing at the corner of Greenwich and Rector streets; a little boy came to him and said there was a woman lying o'runk in Mrs. McCarthy, and she told me that the deceased, Eliza Hammond, was dead; I went into the room occupied by the prisoner, and found his wife lying dead on the bed; the prisoner, and found his wife lying dead on the bed; the prisoner was there also, and I arrested him, and took him to the station house. [Here the witness's testimony.] On witness's arresting the prisoner, and asking him what he killed his wife for he replied that she had been out all the night previous, and that was the reason that he killed her. In the morning witness took the prisoner to the Tombs, and on his way thither he said that he struck the deceased twice, and that she fell against the stove and cut herself.

Coroner O'Donnell then addressed the jury upon the evidence elicited, and after a few very sensule remarks, gave the case into the hands of the jury, who, after due consideration, rendered the following

VERBUCT.

That Eliza Hammond came to her death from wounds

That Eliza Hawmond came to ber death from wounds inflicted by her husband, Thomas Hammond.

Upon the rendition of the verdict, the prisoner, who is about forty years of age, was committed to the Tombs to await the action of the Grand Inquest. The deceased was a native of Ireland, and about thirty years of age.

against the defendant in this case is for a violation of the statute for the observance of the Sabbath.

ative. Bex vs. Smith, 3 Barr, 1,475; 5 M. & S., 209, and Haley

On Isaac B. Smith, who it appears by the evidence, made one sale of strong drink, or spirituous liquor, on Sunday, the 2d day of July, 1854, I inflict the penalty of two dollars and fifty cents.

On Charles T. Kip, who, it appears by the evidence, made one sale of strong drink, or spirituous liquor, on Sunday, the second day of July, 1854, I inflict the penalty of two dollars and fifty cents.

On John Lawrits, who, it appears by the evidence, made one sale of strong drink or spirituous liquor on Sunday, July 9th, 1854, I inflict the penalty of two dollars and fifty cents.

1850:—
On Laws and Applications to the Legislature—Sparks, Capwell, Atwater, Baker and Wardwell.
On Opening Streets, Avenues and Parks—Crowell, Eames and Bergen.
On Grading and Pawing of Streets—Oakley, Blanck, Backbows, Bennett (Eighth ward), Cashaw.
On Finance—Huntley, Pell, Fowler, Troutman, Backbowse.

house.
On Assessments—Fowler, Campbell, Fames, Bannon and Barnard.
On Public Sewers, Colverts and Grades—Pell, Masters, Mulcahy, Pavis and Ralphs.
On Railronds—Halphs, Wardwell, Crowell, Sparks,

On Police-Masters, Ralphs, Whiting, Troutman, Clay-On Water-Wardwell, Bergen, Fowler, Blanck, Ben-

On Lamps—Casnat, On the Bergen, Fowler, Baker, Faucher, Bennett (First ward).
On Schools, Arts and Sciences—Capswell, Sparks, Ralphs, Barnard, Whiting.
On Hospitals—Mills, Huntly Crowell, Walsh, Bennett

On Public Cisterns—Blanck, Wardwell, Gardiner, Whit-ing, Mulcahey. On Markets—Leverich Gardiner, Cakley, Mills, Fau-

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On the Property and Assets held by the cities of Brooklyn and Williamsburg, and town of Bushwick, prior to 1858, pursuant to Sec. 15, Title 10 of the city charter—Backsbouse, Huntley, Troutman.

The following officers were then elected by ballot:—Health Officer—Mathew Wendell.
Keeper City Hall and Messen.ger—Moses Abbott.
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Keeper City Park—Richard Coffin.
Sealers of Weights and Measures for the Eastern District—Wm. Utter, John B. Brower, Thomas Pattes.
Sealers of Weights and Measures for the Eastern District—James Smith, John Powell.
Clerks of Police Justices? Courts—Smith's court, Edward C. Morchouse: Curtis' court, Zachariah Voorhis; Blatchley's court, Thomas H. Appleton.
Bellringers Western District—Joseph Montross, Lewis Dubois, Smith W. Cox.
Bellringers Thirteenth Ward Tower—Edward Wade, John Jackson.
Bellringers Stateenth Ward Tower—Arthur Bassett, Wm. H. Ward.
Clerk of Markets—Peter J. Van Duyge.
Inspectors of Meats, Western District—Josep Histor.
Valentine Carman.
Inspectors of Meats, Eastern District—Robert Reynolds, John Coffin.
Ordinance Clerk—Wm. S. Osborn.
Inspector of Pavements, Western District—John Monts gomery.
Poundmaster, Western Patteict—Lewis Nichols.
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The Police.—The police of the Tenth and Eleventh
wards of this, tity were sworn in yesterday. But few of
the old of sters were retained. The new appointees are
all wis age and Know Nothings. Similar changes are
specially to be made in all the other wards.

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FIRE.—A fire broke out in a double frame dwelling house in Union street, on Saturday evening last, which was damaged to the extent of about \$600. It was occupied by several families. The owner is a Mr. Stevenson.

WATCH PRESENTATION.—Christopher Wright, Captain of the Fourth District Police was presented with a splendid gold hunting case watch, at his residence in Raymond street, on Friday evening. Mr. George A. Waddy made the presentation in bobalf of the captain's friends, accompanied with appropriate remarks. Captain Wright responded in a neat speech. The incription on the watch is as follows.—"Presented to Capt. C. Wright by his friends on his retiring from office, January 1, 1865."

SNOW ON LONG ISLAND—RAILEGAD ACCIDENT.—The snow

Snow on Long Island—Ralizada Accident.—The snow on Long Island—Ralizada Accident.—The snow on the east end of Long Island is about four feet deep, making it difficult for the ralicoal trains to work through. The 10 o'clock mail train from Greenport, due in Brooklyn at 3 P. M., on Saturday, did not arrive till after 6 in the evening. The engine Townsend, with the Hempstead train ran off the track at the branch, on Saturday afternoon and a fireman, named Barney Lynch, inad his leg broken in consequence. No other damage occurred.

Acquirement on an Indicement for Consequence. No other Acquirement on an Indicement for Consequency.—John McCarty, who was tried in the Court of General Sessions on an indicement for conspiracy to burn down several buildings in Second place, in February last, in order, as alleged, to obtain the insurance, has been acquitted by the jury.

Almissions to the Bar.—The following candidates passed a satisfactory examination vesterday before examiners appointed by the Supreme Court, and were admitted to practice as autorneys and counsellors-at-law in the courts of this State:—James W. Carpenter, Cornelle S. Groot, Wm. M. Skinner, John B. Steele, Jr.; Wm. H. Wiring, Brensted Woodhull, Addison Brown, and Peter Dorland.

Theatres and Exhibitions.

Broadway Theatre.—The romantic musical drama of "Guy Mannering" is announced for this evening, Mr. Harrison as Heary Bertram, Mr. Borrani as Gabriel, and Miss L. Pyne as Julia Manuering. The burletta of "Ganem," with the Misses Gougenheim, Mcs. Nagle, and Mr. Davidge in the principal characters, concludes the amusements.

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Bowers Theatre —Four very good dramatic pieces are announced for this evening. The first is the larce of "My Neighbor's Wife," which will be succeeded by the "Massacre of Michilimackinac." The farce of "Fortune's Froites," will follow, and the amusements will close with the musical drama of the "Poor Soldier." To morrow the officers and doorkeepers take their benefit.

BURTON'S THEATRE.—Three favorite pieces are announced for this evening namely: "Sophia's Supper," the "Nice Young Man," and "Apollo in New York." Burton, Johnston, Miss Macarthy, Miss A. Lee, and Mrs. Hughes will appear. Several new pieces are in rehear-sal, and will shortly be produced.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—This theatre continues to draw pretty good houses. The pieces announced for this evening are the "Sisters," a "Gentleman from Ireland," and the farce of "My Wife's Second Phoor." Messar, frougham, Lester, Blake, Byott, Miss Rosa Bennett, and Mrs. Hoey in the principal characters.

METHOPOLITAN THEATRE.—Mr. Buchanan, the American

the comedy of "My Neighbor's Wife."

American Museum.—The selections for the afternoon are the amusing pieces of "Quite at Home" and to "Oblige Benson." In the evening Sheridan Knowles play of "The Wife," with Mr. J. R. Scott as Julian St. Pierre, Clarke as Lorenzo, and Miss Mestayer as Mariana.

There was a happy gathering at the "Old North Amer-ican" in the Fourteenth ward, on New Year's day, the in number, belonging to the ragged school under the charge of the Children's Aid Society. Visiting the school about noon, we found the children, (who were comforta-

benefit upon the recipients of their bounty.

MURDIEROUS ATTIMPT.—About 9 o'clock on Sunday night, some unknown men attempted to shoot a young woman, Mrs. Daniel Raynor, residing at No. 30 North Second street, in the Fourteenth ward. Mrs. Raynor was sitting in front of a window, when she was startled by a loue report of fire arms, and, on looking out, discovered two men running away, and also that a bullet had passed through a pane of glass and lodged in the wall of the room. The sifiair is enveloped in mystery, as the family are not aware of having any enemies.

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Coroners' Inquests.

Berned to Dram.—A boy about 17 years of age, mamed Sannel Malorey, was burned to death on Saturday night, in the lime kiln in Fitteenth steeet, near avenue A. Coroner Gamble beld an inquest on Tuesday upon the body of the deceased, when it appeared that deceased was connected with a bad set of young vagrants around the neighborhood, who used to sleep nightly in the lime kiln, and on the night above mentioned he went there to sleep along with a companion, and being suffocated by the gas smitted from the kiln fell into the burning mass of stones and was literally burned to a cinder. Verdiet according to the above facts.

Duart ny Pinowning.—Coroner Gamble held an inquest at the Fifth Ward Station House upon the body of a man supposed to be George Collins, who was accidentally drowned on Saturday night by falling from the pier foot of Beach street. Verdiet, death by exhaustion. The deceased was about 43 years of age, and is supposed to be a native of Ireland. In his pocket was found a subport of Geo. Collins of 103 Charlton street.

The Mud Mecting.

The Mud Meeting.

To THE SUTTON OF THE BERK yesterlay makes several mistales, and as it is to be supposed that you would not intentionally and purposely misrepresent any matter, I beg leave to make the following corrections. As the meeting was called to consider the imbedity of the government of the city in general, and in the matter of not cleaning the rirects in particular, and to point out a way whereby some of the thousands out of work might be predisably employed, you will perceive that there was a large margin for remark. Mud's id not necessary exclude every other subject, though there is matter enough in that for several meetings in the Park, or at least for one, of every tax payer and revident of the city; and I took occasion to say, by way of dinstration and enforcement, that it was not providence—the providence of God—that cursed us, and left us with four streets and a city government false and revernant to its truth, but improvidence, the improvidence of men. I did not, therefore, 'blame those who believe a superintending irvolvence from the rationness and certupition which we know everywhere exists. I addressed no word to nechanics, but spoke to the meeting been more complete, it might have stated that the two points made, with respect to the streets, were that when the citizens of New York wanted the streets are the world open the matter to the competition of the poor man with his here and cart, end of the labour. Second, that, at the present time, some of the thousands who are out of employment might have stated that that would open the matter to the competition of the poor man with his here and cart, end of the labour. Second, that, at the present time, some of the thousands who are out of employment might be profitably set to work upon them—profitably to themselves and to the city. As I sm not aware that anything is gained by misrepresentations, and therefore misapprehensions. I must beg of you te give this note the same publicity which was given to your report. Very respectfully, vurs.

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Ira B. Davis, Chairman of the meeting of workingmen,
held at Hope Chapel Dec. 29, 1854, at which the above
committee was appointed.

Alderman C. H. Tucken nowed that the petition lay on
the table, and be printed.

Alderman Vooruis moved, as an amendment, that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw the petition, and present it to the doard of Councilmen, as it involved an expenditure of money.

The amendment was carried and the petition with-

drawn.
The Poard then proceeded to confirm assessments

from the Councilmen.

PRINTING OF THE BOARD.

A resolution of the Board of Councilmen, appropriating \$5,000 for the printing of the Board of Aldermen, was concurred in.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF STREETS AND

A communication from the commissioner of streets and Lange.

A communication was received from Joseph E. Ebling, presenting the following names for confirmation — John Lyons, clerk to Commissioner of Streets and Lamps, in place of John Owen Toole, removed.

Morgan L. Mott, Superintendent of Streets, in place of E. W. Glover, removed.

Mathias Gooderson, Supervisor of Markets, in place of W. Goodheart, removed.

James Dewey, Supervisor of Lamps and Gas, in place of Henry Allen, removed.

Ralph Trembly, Inspector of Weights and Measures, in

of Henry Allen, removed.

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Thomas Wainwright, Inspector of Weights and Measures, in place of Mr. Toumey removed.

George Karr. Sealer of Weights and Measures, in place of D. W. Clark, removed.

John H. Embree, Sealer of Weights and Measures, in place of Pierre Delahunt, removed. Ordered to lay on the table.

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TRINITY CHURCH YARD.

The report of the Councilmen non-concurring with this Board in the matter of extending Albany street, through Trinity Church yard, was taken up.

Adderman Bhown moved that this board adhere to its former action.

Alderman Lord thought that the reasons of the Board of Councilmen should receive some consideration, and he moved that the matter lay on the table. [This was lost by a tie vote of 11 to 11.]

Alderman Kelly moved that a committee of conference De appointed.

Alderman Voorris was in favor of the motion to adhere to their former action, and they could then appoint

committee of conference.
Alderman ELV spoke in favor of referring the matter

Alderman Ely spoke in favor of referring the matter to a special committee.

Alderman Mouser (Third ward) was in favor of the matter going to a committee.

Alderman Howans was opposed to a street being cut through any churchyard where bones lay, and he was in favor of referring the matter, because they would have immediate action on it, and he had reason to know that Fernando Wood (the Mayor) would sign a resolution repealing the action of the Common Council of 1853, which authorized the opening of the street.

Alderman BRIGGS (Thirteenth ward) would go the shortest way to kill the project. He was opposed to a street going through that churchyard, where his grandfather was buried. It was his family burying-ground, and he was opposed to it.

Alderman BRIGGS said that speedy action was necessary, as the Counsel for the Corporation was about to apply for commissioners to open the street.

The amendment to refer the subject to a special committee was then carried by a vote of 12 to 10.

The PRISIDENT said that he would announce the committee was the next meeting.

Alderman HERRICK offere la resolution calling upon the Counsel of the Corporation to suspend all proceedings in the matter until the action of this board was known. Carried.

Carried.

CONMUNICATION FROM THE CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT.

The President of the Croton Aqueduct Department set in the annual report to this Board, of which the following is an abstract:—

He commences by saying that the works are in excellent order, and effective for the purpose intended. The report alludes to the Croton dam having been injured in the spring by the heavy rains, and states that the damage was repaired at a cost only of \$23,706; other repairs were limited, and the cost of the whole was about the same as that of last year. The commissioners report anunes to the Croton dam having been injured in the spring by the heavy rains, and states that the damage was repaired at a cost only of \$2.8,706; other repairs were limited, and the cost of the whole was about the same as that of last year. The commissioners appointed to hear the owners of the land for the new reservoir, on the appraisements to be made, have not completed their labors. The area of ground to be taken completed their labors. The area of ground to be taken completed their labors. The area of ground to be taken completed their labors. The area of ground to be taken completed their labors. The area of ground to be taken completed their labors. The area of ground to be taken completed their labors. The area of ground to be taken completed their labors. The area of ground to be taken completed their labors. The area of ground to be taken completed their labors. The commissioners express a hope to be ready to report at the February term of the Supreme Court. The Beard complains of the present reservoir being insufficient to give the supply that should be had, and hopes that the new one will quickly be constructed. The laying of the line of four feet pipe at Manhattan ville, in the Tenth avenue, from the gate-house on the north, to that on the south side of the valley, was completed, and the water let in on May last. From observations made from the 23d of August to the 10th of September, the dry term, the water in the lake, which was found on the former date to have fallen eighteen inches below the lip of the dam, had sunk on the latter date to thirty inches below the lip, and the water in the lake, which was replenished by rains, and rose to verflow the dam. The Board reiterate their complain that eithers are in the constant habit of wasting the water in 18th amount received by tax for water in 18th amount received year for water in 18th amount received year for water in 18th amount derived from Croton water, incus the dam the amount derived from Croton water, incus the dam the amount received

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The Board adjourned to Friday evening, at 5 o'clock.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN. This Board assembled at the usual hour yesterday afternoon, the President, Pan'l D. Conover, in the cuair. After the reading and approval of the minutes, the

following papers were read :-PETITIONS, STC.

Of B. Gafney, in relation to his claim as the elected member of the Fiftieth Council District. Referred to Special Committee.

Remonstrance of Daniel S. Macfarlane, claiming irregu-larity and fraud in the Seventh Election District of the Seventeenth ward, and claiming his seat as the Council-man elected from the Fiftieth District. Referred to Special Committee.

Petition for flagging sidewalk in Twenty-seventh screet.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

To have streets paved between Second and Third ave-The following resolution was read a third time and

adopted:—
Resolved, That the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated to the Board of Aldermen, for printing.

The City Inspector's report was presented and ordered.

The City inspector's report was included in the tob printed.

The following was sent in from the Board of Ablernen, and laid over—
Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be, and he is hereby directed to stay all further proceedings in the matter of opening Albany street from Greenwich greet to Broadway.

THE UNEMPLOYED WORKINGMEN. Mr. P. Schenor presented the following resolution — Resolved, That the committee of the unemployed workingmen which assembled in the Park, and adjourned from thence to Hope Chapel, on the 29th day of December, 1864, who were appointed to prepare and present a memorial to the Mayor and Common Guncil of this city on behalf of the objects of that meeting, and who are now in attendance upon the Board, waiting permission to present their memorial, and to be heaved in favor distributed they have a hearing through some of their number whom they may select.

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The resolution was referred to a committee of five, thus virtually defeating it. A large number of workingmen were present, witing to see what action would be aken upon it, and they were not a little disappointed at the result, as they had selected one of their number for the purpose of addressing the Board in the event of its adoption.

SLECTION OF OPPICERS.

C. A. S. Hoider for First Assistant Clerk, on the first ballot.

allot.
J. Green for Messenger, on the third.
W. H. Penbody was elected Doorkeeper.
All these officers served last year.
The Board adjourned till Friday at the same hour.

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION. A meeting of the Commissioners of Enigration was held yesterday at 4 P.M., Commissioner Verplanck in the

chair. Present—Commissioners Kennedy, Carrigan, Witthaus, Dunlap and Kelly.

From the weekly statement it appears that the total number of inmates in the institutions under the charge of the Commissioners is 3,884, of which 1,441 are on Ward's island, and in the refuge department, 1,943.

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fluence of liquor; he did not see the deceased on that day.

TESTIMONY OF JANE SMITH.

Jane Smith (the woman referred to in McCarthy's evidence,) being duly sworn, deposed that ahe lived with the prisoner for the last month; lived with him in Brooklyn for some time; she boarded there and was a cap maker by trade; while she lived with the prisoner's family in Brooklyn she paid her board, but not having any work to do while in New York, she did not pay anything, but did work around the house; the prisoner and deceased were in the habit of getting intoxicated, and witness saw the prisoner beat his wife the deceased) on several occasions; witness was in the house of the prisoner on New Year's day, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock; she left the room about one o'clock and did not return that day; she went to Mrs. Lynch's, in Washington street, and staid there for the romainder of the day; the prisoner struck witness about eleven o'clock because she interfered between him and the men with whom he was quarrelling; I knew nothing about the death of Mrs. Hammond until Malone came to her on the night of the occurrence, while

DECISION OF JUSTICE CLARKE. DEC. 26.—The People on the Complaint of Daniel H. Carpenter vs. Isaac B. Smith and others.—The complaint

the statute for the observance of the Sabbath.

The statute renders every keeper of an inn, tavern, ale-house, greery or porter house subject to a penalty of two dollars and fifty cents for selling or disposing of any ale, porter, strong or spirituous liquers, except to lodgers in such inns or taverns, or to such persons actually travelling on that day, in the cases allowed by law.

The offence complained of in the cases now before me is positively sworn to. I see no reason to doubt the evidence, and the fact of the sale remains in my mind undisputed. Unless, therefore, the defendants have brought themselves within the statute inflicting the penalty, they are severally liable to payment of the fine.

The exceptions contained in the statute are among that class of negative averners the affirmative of which being peculiarly within the knowledge of the defendants, the usual presumption of innocence cease, and the general rule applies, that he who asserts the affirmative is to prove it, and not he who avers the negative.

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The defendants are therefore bound if they wish to avoid a conviction (the fact of a violation of the law by selling or disposing of strong or spirituous liquors, &c., on the Sabbath being first proved), to show on their part that they are justified by one of the exceptions contained in the law.

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The law for the observance of the Sabbath is one highly proper in its inception, and beneficial in its effects on the community, and it is one of those laws which should be strictly enforced whenever an infraction of it is clearly proved.

In the present case I will indiut the penalty on each defendant, for each distinct and separate sale, which is to be measured by the payment made for it, without reference to the quantity sold for such payment, such appearing to me to be the mean ng of the statute.

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On Asa F. Miller, who, it appears by the evidence, made one sale, of strong drink or spirituous liquor on Sunday, the 9th day of July, 1854, I inflict the penalty of two dollars and fifty cents.

On William H. Munger, who, it appears, made two sales of strong drink or spirituous liquors; one sale on Sunday, the 2d day of July, 1854, and one sale on Sunday, the 9th day of July, 1854, I miliet the penalty of two dollars and fifty cents for each offence.

On John Wilson, who it appears in evidence, made one sale of strong drink or spirituous liquor on Sunday, the 9th day of July, 1854, I inflict the penalty of two dollars and fifty cents.

On Joseph Cusach, who, it appears in evidence, made one sale of strong drink or spirituous liquor on Sunday, the 2d day of July, 1854, I inflict the penalty of two dollars and fifty cents.

On William Mason, who, it appears by the evidence, made one sale of strong drink or spirituous liquor on Sunday, the 2d day of July, 1854, I inflict the penalty of two dollars and fifty cents.

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE COMMON COUNCIL. The Common Council re-assembled on Tuesday evening last. The chair was occupied by Ald, Barnard, the President, and a full Board was present.

After the usual preliminary business, the President innounced the following Standing Committees for

Mulcahy, Pavis and Ralphs.
On Raircoads—Ralphs, Wardwell, Crowell, Sparks,
Bennett (Eighth ward).
On Public Lands and Building—Bennett (First ward);
Campbell, Eames, Whiting, Crowell.
On Fire Lepartment—Western District—Faucher, Pell,
Crowell, Bahmon, Waish.
On Fire Department—Eastern District—Eames, Linskey, Huntey, Lavis, Baker.
On Stages—Maerr, Masters, Luyster, Leverich, Gardiner.

nett (First ward).
On Printing.—Clayton, Cunningham, Leverich, Maerr,
Oakley.
On Wells and Pumps.—Campbell, Cashaw, Mulcapey,

Oakley.

On Weils and Pumpa—Campbell, Cashaw, Mulcapey, Baker, Barnard.

On Claims against the City of Brooklyn prior to 1855—Backhoue, Capwell, Atwater, Mills, Bannon.

On Claims against the City of Williamsburg—Atwater, Linskey, Sparks, Ralphs, Eames.

On Claims against the late town of Bushwick—Troutman, Blanck, Luyster, Davis, Maer.

On Supplies and Expenses of Departments—Walsh, Canningham, Tucker, Mills, Cashaw.

On Gas—Davis, Pell, Clayton, Linskey, Oakley.

On Lamps—Cashaw, Gardner, Masters, Cunningham, Eames.

the jury.

ACCIDENT FROM GUNPOWDER.—Two little boys, the sons of Joseph Hart, residing at No. 98 Smith strict, were severely burned on Tuesday evening, in consequence of the explosion of a horn filled with gunpowder, with which they were playing near the store. The windows in the room were shattered by the concussion.

METHOPOLITAN THEATRE.—Mr. Buchanan, the American tragedian, appears to night in Shakapeare's tragedy of 'Othello. He will be supported by Mrs. M. Jones and Mr. Canoll in the other leading characters. Miss of Dawes will dance, and the amusements will close with the comedy of "My Neighbor's Wife."

Wood's Varmen's are doing well; the hall is well filled every night, and the amusements afford great pleasure to the visiters.

BUCKLEY'S SERENADERS continue to give their bar-lesque operas, which are very much admired by the visiters.

FESTIVAL TO THE POOR CHILDREN.

occasion being a festival to the poor children, ab bly clad,) partaking of a sumptuous dinner, consisting excellent feast, all of which were furnished by ladie, and gentlemen well known for their deeds of charity. After the appetites of the little folks were satisfied, addresses were made by Reverends J. D. Wells, S. S. Jocelyn, W. W. Halloway, E. S. Porter and Mr. John Broach.

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Rev Mr. Porter paid a deserved compliment to the chiefent teacher, Miss Fister, who has been eminently successful in her labous of disciplining the children under her charge. The board of managers of the school presented Miss Fister with a writing deak, as a token of their appreciation of her arlouns labors. At the conclusion the children were sent home, each with a package of apples, cakes, nuts, &c. Besides other liberal domations, the sen of \$28.63 was deposited by visiters in the contribution box. The ragged school is now well established, and by occasional donations by those abundantly able may be continued, thereby rendering a lasting benefit upon the recipients of their bounty.

MUNDEROUS ATTEMPT.—About 9 o'clock on Sunday